

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A petition for a one-month extension of time and appropriate fees associated therewith are being submitted herewith. The information disclosure statement of March 19, 2004 includes particular publications and foreign patents, which have apparently not been considered due to their alleged absence, which is inexplicable as a box of the same was provided on March 19th. Another copy of the foreign patents and publications are being submitted herewith. An apology is extended to the Examiner for any inconveniences that may have been cause therefrom.

Claims 1, 10-15, 19-20 and 22-26 remain in the subject application. Claims 2-9, 16-18 and 21 are canceled without prejudice, Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation application.


Certain claims, such as claims 19, 23 and 26 have been objected thereto due to typographical error and insufficient support. The foregoing have been corrected, as reflected in the claims amended hereinabove. Previously-numbered claims 9-15 and 21-25 are deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, and intervening claims.

Applicants therefore submit that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and an early notice thereof is respectfully requested. Should any further amendment be required prior to passing the application to issue, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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